GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Health, Medical & Family Welfare Department - Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) - State Food Laboratory in the premises of Regional Public Health Laboratory, Guntur under central sector scheme - Notification- Orders- issued.

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HEALTH, MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE (H.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.216 **Dated: 01-12-2023**

Read the following:

1. Food Safety and Standards Act 2006.
2. G.O.Ms.No.44, HM&FW (H.1) Dept., Dt:29.03.2023.
3. From the Commissioner of Food Safety, AP e-Office file bearing Comp.No.2253739.

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ORDER:

In the reference 2nd read above, orders were issued notifying the state Food Laboratory in the premises of Regional Public Health Laboratory, Visakhapatnam to strengthen the food safety ecosystem in Andhra Pradesh under the Central Sector Scheme for the purpose of undertaking the analysis of statutory food samples.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, the Food Commissioner of Safety, Andhra Pradesh has stated that the Food Safety Standards Authority of India- Apex Body under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (Central Act No.34 of 2006) established by Government of India (GoI) has initiated to strengthen the Food Safety ecosystem in India by entering MoU with States. In the country, several states have strengthened two/three public health labs and converted them into State Food Laboratories to undertake analysis of statutory food samples under CSS. The Department of IPM has entered MoU with FSSAI for an amount of Rs.87 Cr (100% from FSSAI) FY 2023-24 in which Rs. 19.88 Cr is earmarked for the proposed State Food Laboratory in Guntur. Out of Rs. 19.88 Cr sanctioned value, Rs. 7.14 Cr is allocated to Basic Equipment & Sample Preparation Facility and Rs. 8.46 Cr for high end equipment and Rs. 4.28 Cr for Setting up of Microbiological Laboratory. Notification of the State Food Laboratory in Guntur is mandatory to get funds from FSSAI under MoU. The establishment of another state food laboratory and notification of the lab by FSSAI will fetch good marks and the State can climb to a good rank in the Food Safety Index.

3. The Commissioner of Food Safety, Andhra Pradesh has therefore requested the Government to notify the integrated Food Testing Laboratory (State Food Laboratory) in Guntur in the premises of the Regional Public Health Laboratory, Guntur for the purpose of undertaking the analysis of statutory food samples as per procedure laid down under provisions of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, (Central Act No.34 of 2006).

4. Government after careful examination of the matter, here by issue the following notification:

(P.T.O.)

NOTIFICATION

5 In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 43 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (Central Act No.34 of 2006) under CHAPTER VIII, the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby notify the State Food Laboratory in the premises of the Regional Public Health Laboratory, Guntur to strengthen the food safety ecosystem in Andhra Pradesh under the Central Sector Scheme for the purpose of undertaking the analysis of statutory food samples.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M. T. KRISHNA BABU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner of Printing, Stationery & Stores Purchase (Printing Wing), Vijayawada for publication of the notification in the Andhra Pradesh Extraordinary Gazette with a request to supply (50) copies.
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